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## DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FOR CITY OF HAYDEN

Mike Field, State Director for USDA Rural Development, said the City of Hayden has been approved for a Community Facility Direct Loan in the amount of \$1,071,000. The funding, in conjunction with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and funding from the Idaho Transportation Department, will enable the city to revitalize its downtown area.

Many improvements are planned, including widening the main street, putting in festival and pedestrian lighting, installing median islands and trees and burying existing overhead utilities.

The City has been in need of this revitalization project for some time. The main street is too narrow for the addition of turning lanes; there are no curbs and gutters, and the condition of the walkways do not allow for safe pedestrian traffic. Storm drain control also is badly needed along the street.

As the Idaho Transportation Department was planning a repaving project for this street, the City felt it was time to address the problems and to improve both the pedestrian and vehicle traffic while better meeting the needs of local businesses.

Plans also include construction of a concrete intersection at Hayden Avenue and Government Way. Some of the existing overhead utility lines along Government Way will be buried.

"This is a case of form and function coming together to make a community an even better place to live. These changes address a variety of needs, from safety and efficiency to beautification and economics," Congressman C.L. "Butch" Otter said. "It's good to see a growing community marshal the resources to improve itself. This is good government at its most basic, and at its best."

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